

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist HUS

RE:

Site Inspection, Aragonite Mill and Mine, M/045/031, Tooele County,

Utah

Date of Inspection:

February 13, 1991, 1991

Time of Inspection:

10:00 - 11:30

Conditions:

Sunny, cool, melting snow onsite

Attendees:

Lowell Braxton, Tom Mitchell, Wayne Hedberg and Holland

Shepherd, DOGM

The above individuals visited the Aragonite sites for the purpose of further evaluating the current site disturbance. Also, Mr. Braxton and Mr. Mitchell had not seen the site before and were interested in a first-hand observation of the site pursuant to the pending Board Action associated with the site.

A tour of the mine site and mill site was conducted during this inspection. During our inspection of the mine site, it became more evident that safety hazards exist onsite. In particular, public access is plainly a problem in regard to the safety hazards found onsite. The county road which bisects the site becomes the south border of the north pit. At one point, the edge of the road, drops off vertically into a 15-foot highwall. No safety berm or barrier exists to prevent vehicles from falling into the pit. Sinkholes and other highwalls in the pit itself, also present a hazard to curious passersby or ATVers.

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cc: Wayne Hedberg

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